



W.P. No. 37623 of 2015

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 21.02.2024

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**THE HONOURABLE Mr. JUSTICE R.MAHADEVAN
AND
THE HONOURABLE Mr. JUSTICE P.D.AUDIKEVALU**

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Rangarajan Narasimhan
Sanathana Dharmam/Sri Vaishnavam
Son of Shri P.R.Narasimhan
Plot No.3, I Floor, Alarmel Avenue
“Bhattar Thoppu”
Srirangam, Trichy – 620006.

... Petitioner

-VS-

1. The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep. By its Secretary
Department of Tamil Development Culture, Religious
Endowments & Information, Secretariat
Fort St. George, Chennai – 600009.
2. The Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department
Uthamar Gandhi Salai, Nungambakkam
Chennai – 600039.
3. The Assistant Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department
Namakkal.
4. The Director – Monuments
The Archaeological Survey of India
Janpath, New Delhi.



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5. The Superintending Archaeologist
The Archaeological Survey of India
Chennai Circle, Fort St. George
Chennai.

6. K.T.Narasimhan

7. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India
O/o. Comptroller Audit General
9, Deen Dayal Upadhyay Marg
New Delhi – 110124.

... Respondents

Prayer:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, 1950, praying for a Writ of Mandamus, directing the Comptroller of Auditor General (CAG) to conduct an audit of the financial management of all aspects but not limited to conservation /restoration and renovation in Temples managed by the HR & CE Department.

For Petitioner : Mr. Rangarajan Narasimhan (P-in-P)

For Respondents : Mr. N.R.R.Arun Natarajan (RR1 to 3)
Special Government Pleader

Mr. G.Karthikeyan (RR 4, 5 & 7)
Government Advocate

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by R.MAHADEVAN, J.)

Heard Mr. Rangarajan Narasimhan, Party-in-Person and
Mr. N.R.R.Arun Natarajan, Learned Special Government Pleader appearing for
the First to Third Respondents and Mr. G.Karthikeyan, Learned Government



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Advocate appearing for the Fourth, Fifth and Seventh Respondents and also perused the materials placed on record, apart from the pleadings of the parties.

2. The petitioner has come up with this writ petition seeking to issue a writ of mandamus, directing the Comptroller of Auditor General to conduct audit of the financial management of all aspects, but not limited to conservation /restoration and renovation of the Temples managed by the HR & CE Department.

3. The prayer made in this writ petition has already been meted out by this court in its earlier order dated 07.06.2021 passed in *suo motu* WP. No. 574 of 2015 and the said *suo motu* writ petition was directed to be posted “for reporting compliance”. Therefore, it is open to the petitioner to raise his objections, if any, when the said *suo motu* writ petition is taken up “for reporting compliance”.

4. Accordingly, this writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

(R.M.D., J.)

(P.D.A., J.)

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Index: Yes / No

Speaking order/ Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes / No

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